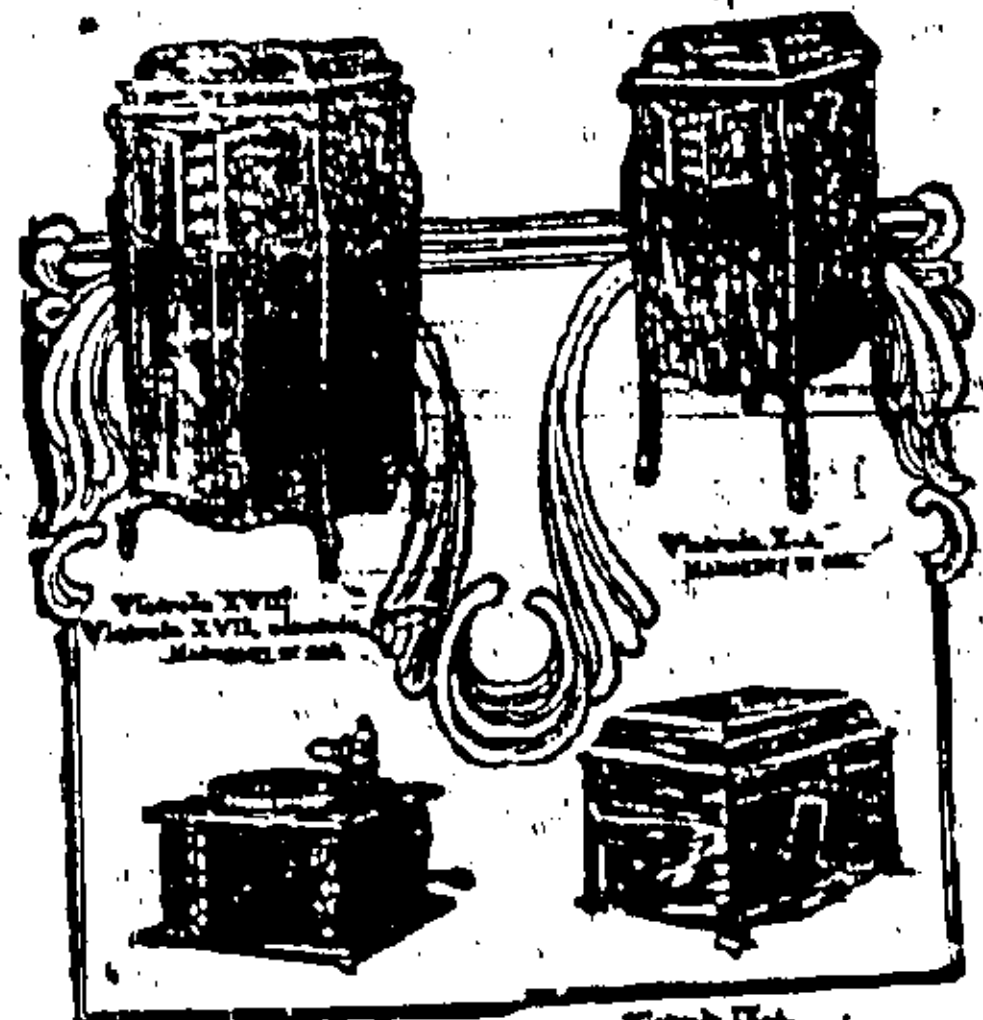


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COMPANY MEETING.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

The twenty-second annual ordinary meeting of shareholders of the above Company, was held on Saturday at the offices of the Company in Lower Albert Road.

Mr. W. S. Brown (the Chairman) presided and there were present the Rev. Father Robert and Mr. L. N. Lee (Directors), Messrs. H. P. Perry, Smith, Chan Tong, A. Stevenson, J. Olinch, B. W. Bradbury, C. E. Ricou (shareholders), Mr. J. Walker (manager) and Mr. Manuk (secretary).

THE DAIRY FARM DEPARTMENT. The Chairman said: Gentlemen, your Directors are pleased to be able to place before you once more a statement of accounts which may be regarded as satisfactory in view of the abnormal conditions under which we are at present working. Our sales for the year, I am glad to say, show a substantial increase over those of last year, creating a new record for the Company. It is due to this increasing business that we are able to present such satisfactory accounts to you in the last two years. Your Directors have been pleased to vote to the staff a 10 per cent. bonus on their salaries, which will doubtless meet with your approval, as also the donation of the sum of \$2,000 to the local War Charities.

Prices of commodities, owing to the war have advanced considerably, thus reducing the margin of profit, whilst our retail prices have been maintained at a reasonable level so as not to impose any undue hardship on the consumer. The high rate of exchange has gone a long way to counteract the increased freights and first costs of foodstuffs imported from gold currency countries, but a considerable part of our purchases, such as cattle food, etc., and other expenses, are in local currency, and are not directly affected by exchange. As a matter of fact, the cost of all foodstuffs for the maintenance of our herd have advanced, thus increasing the cost of production of our fresh milk and other dairy products. In spite of this, the price of milk has not been increased.

In connection with the milk supply it is worth mentioning that after years of persistent endeavour followed by many disappointments we have at last been able to fill the gaps, caused by death, etc., in our diary herd, with young stock bred on the farms, and this is the almost only way in the history of the Company when we have not found it necessary to spend large sums of money on the importation of new cattle. This is most fortunate under present circumstances, as, owing to the scarcity of freight space and the enhanced value of live stock, the cost of importation has been prohibitive. The Company's dairy herd to-day is, in the opinion of the manager, second to none east of Suez.

The purchase of the business and undertaking of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., is now completed, and the cold stores and other facilities are bound to have a beneficial effect on the expansion of the various branches of our business. The advisability of our having our own cold storage accommodation, was considered by your Directors, but the idea of erecting such a small scale in the future of the machinery we have on hand. Other and more up-to-date machinery will be imported in the course of, and we hope to be able to create a demand for, our product in this line.

You will observe from the accounts that the sum of \$22,594.68 has been spent during the year on repairs and improvements on the Company's machinery and property, and that the sum of about \$30,000 has been expended on new and additional buildings to meet the requirements of our business. Following our usual custom, we have written off for depreciation, had and doubtful debts, the sum of \$23,384.24, thus leaving a net balance of \$19,431.59 for appropriation, which your Directors propose to deal with as follows:—

Pay a dividend of \$2 per share on the Company's 60,000 old shares, absorbing \$120,000.

To place a dividend reserve, \$20,000, and add \$10,000 to Fire and Typhoon Insurance Fund, thus raising these reserves to \$100,000 and \$60,000 respectively, and to carry forward to next year's account the balance, viz., \$8,431.59.

The stocks and cattle have been valued by your manager and secretary, and are well under market value. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. A. STEVENSON seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. Messrs. J. Scott, Hanson and W. S. Brown were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposition of Mr. H. P. Perry, seconded by Mr. Chan Tong.

Mr. H. P. PERRY SMITH was re-elected auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$200, on the proposition of Mr. B. W. Bradbury, seconded by Mr. T. Olinch.

THE ICE AND COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT. The Chairman said: Gentlemen, in accordance with the agreement made between Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers for the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., and this Company, dated 28th March, 1918, we have had to keep the accounts of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., quite apart from the accounts of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., provided the profits made by the Ice and Cold Storage Department warrant the declaration of such a dividend. Your Directors are pleased to state that the profits made between the 9th May, the date when the Ice Company was actually taken over, and the 31st July have made it possible to declare the \$2 dividend agreed. The actual net profit

ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

LOCAL CELEBRATIONS.

NEARLY \$5,000 COLLECTED FOR THE RED CROSS.

Saturday was the eighth anniversary of the establishment of the Portuguese Republic, and the local Portuguese community celebrated the occasion by an effort on behalf of their National Red Cross, and by an informal dance in the evening at the Club de Recreio.

In the morning a number of young ladies paraded the streets of Hongkong and Kowloon, selling red-cross flags to passers-by. By this means the sum of \$2,930 was collected for the Portuguese Red Cross Fund, which will benefit as a result of the day's efforts to the extent of over \$4,700. The following young ladies sold flags:—The Misses Olga Carvalho, Elvira Camand, Gertrude Pinna, Angela dos Remedios, Olive de Sousa, Marie de Sousa, Phyllis Almada, Olga Demee, Edith Soares, Julia Soares, Delmina Lopes, Anisita Lopes, Bertha Carvalho, Celeste Ribeiro, Ellie Noronha, Annie Silva, Alda Franco, Cassie Franco, Maria Noronha, Leonora Collaco, Angelina Rosie Xavier, and Celestia Maria. These young ladies were in the charge of Madame de Sousa (wife of the Consul for Portugal), Mrs. P. V. Botelho, Mrs. B. J. Botelho, Mrs. J. M. Noronha and Mrs. Sara Botelho. The Atosk brothers helped the young ladies by escorting them in the Chinese quarter of the town.

At 9 p.m. there was a large gathering at the Club de Recreio, which was gaily decorated for the occasion with flags, flowers, pot-palms, etc.

The flag of the Portuguese Republic and the Union Jack were flown conspicuously from the Club building, while at the main entrance was a varicoloured illuminated star bearing in the centre the initials "R.P." 1910-1918. Dancing took place on the lawn; a large canvas, specially brought from Macao, being laid down for the purpose. The music was supplied by the band of the 18th Infantry from 9 p.m. till midnight, and afterwards by a Filipino string band. There were altogether over three hundred work of art, for which Mr. P. A. Xavier was responsible. On the cover was a representation of a wounded soldier lying in the arms of a devoted nurse. The programmes and refreshments were sold in aid of the Portuguese Red Cross Fund and yielded over \$250.

At midnight, supper was served, the Hongkong Hotel undertaking the catering. Mr. P. V. Botelho, the President of the Club, presided over a company of some 300, including the Portuguese Consul and Madame de Sousa. The President proposed the toasts of the "Portuguese Republic" and "The Allies," expressing the hope that speedy success would attend the efforts of the Allies in their fight against might. The toasts were enthusiastically pledged, the band playing the National Anthem and the band playing the Portuguese Anthem.

Dancing was then resumed and went on till the early hours of the morning. The following Committee were responsible for the arrangements:—Messrs. P. V. Botelho (President), V. L. dos Remedios (Secretary), F. M. Garcia, D. M. Vieira, P. Yvanovich, D. Gonsalves, O. Oliveira, P. A. Xavier, C. A. Lopez, B. M. C. Cunha, and A. Sousa.

The Hon. Secretary of the Club de Recreio acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the Portuguese Red Cross Fund:—

Already acknowledged	\$ 400
Botelho, Broe	250
Union Trading Co.	100
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government	25
Anonymous	25
Carvalho & Co.	25
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak	25
J. M. Rocha & Co.	20
Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	10
Nippon Yusen Kaisha	10
Empire de l'Indo-Chine	5
Anonymous	5
Total collections by street sale of flags by young ladies	2,930
Total	\$4,435

made, after writing off the sum of \$23,384.24 for depreciation, amounts to \$19,080.60, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

Pay a dividend of \$2 per share on the Ice Company's shares, absorbing \$120,000, and to carry forward to next year's accounts \$6,080.60.

The accounts of the two Companies have been amalgamated as from 1st August last, and next year only one report and balance sheet will be issued in respect of the whole Company. Your Directors hope that the new Company with its greater facilities will be able to take advantage of any opportunity offering in the expansion of its business. We have sold the property of the Ice House Street acquired with the Ice Company's assets as the property was not necessary to the Company and the price received was considered good. The sale was concluded this month, and it will therefore appear in our current year's accounts. I will now propose the adoption of the report and accounts of the Ice and Cold Storage Department as rendered by Mr. C. MAKHAM seconded unanimously.

Mr. H. P. PERRY SMITH, in moving a vote of thanks to the Board of Directors, the manager and staff, said he was sure that no other Company had better officers than those who were at present holding office in the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage, Ltd. They had an excellent Board of Directors and an excellent manager. Some little while ago he was talking to a person, who said that the man who ought to have made the Dairy Farm a success was the man who made the Dairy Farm a success. (Laughter.) He thought the reference was to Mr. Walker. (Applause.) The work of the general staff, too, was excellent. (Applause.)

Captain C. E. RICOU seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked Mr. Smith for his kind words, which were greatly appreciated.

The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants were ready, and the meeting terminated.

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THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS.

FULL RESULTS OF THE GATHERING.

The annual aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club, which commenced on Thursday afternoon, were concluded on Saturday, when there was one of the largest gatherings of spectators ever seen in the Club, including H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and the Commodore. The Band of the 18th Infantry, under command of Bandmaster E. Vassalle, helped to enliven the proceedings, and, during an interval, tea was served to those present, the Committee of the Club being assiduous in their attention to the visitors. Taken altogether, a very pleasant and interesting afternoon's sport was witnessed, and the V.R.C. is to be congratulated.

On Saturday eleven events were contested, beginning with the Two Lengths Handicap (Hurdles) Final. J. Stewart, A. J. V. Ribeiro and J. B. Soares, who won their heats on Thursday, were the competitors. Many fancied Logan, who had carried off several of the main events. The first length saw all the men swimming equally well, but on the way home, the race resolved itself into a struggle between Ribeiro and Stewart. Ribeiro managed to forge ahead of his rival and win by two yards amidst loud applause. The time was 37.2-seconds.

The Boys' Race, 100 yards championship, was worked off in heats. In the first heat G. A. Jack was first and F. R. Pereira second. The second heat was won by D. Lyon, D. Lyon being second. All present backed Lyon for the final. The unexpected happened, however, G. A. Jack carrying off the championship in the good time of 58.2-seconds. Lyon was one second behind.

Three competitors—A. Logan, A. V. Barros and G. A. Carvalho, participated in the 200 Yards Championship. For the first 150 yards the swimming was excellent; G. A. Carvalho gave up. Logan, who seemed quite fresh, gradually drew away from Barros and finally put a length between them. The time was 2mins., 51.3-seconds.

The High Dive from a platform about 30 feet high was won by A. Logan, T. L. Knight being second. While the event was in progress J. Stewart was regarded as the probable winner, but the Judges decided otherwise.

The 100 Yards Championship for Ladies was one of the prettiest events of the afternoon. All who competed were good swimmers, and there was little to choose between them. They got away well, and it looked as if a dead heat would result. Miss D. Morris, however, outdistanced her opponents on the way home and won by about twelve yards in 1min., 45.3-seconds; a record for ladies in the Club. Miss B. Jennings was second.

The final for the Four Lengths Handicap was contested by A. V. Barros, R. Tatum, J. Stewart and S. A. Marcel. Stewart won in 69.2-seconds. Marcel being second. In the first two lengths Tatum was leading by about three yards. The pace, however, proved too much for him and he had to give up. Stewart came in about four yards ahead. There was a grim struggle for second place between Marcel and Barros, but the former renounced the post just by the fraction of a second.

The Ladies' Nomination Race, in which the competitors had to swim over a hurdle, then pick up a floating cork round which a thread was wrapped with the needle stuck in the middle, was won by S. A. Marcel (nominated by Miss Carvalho). Rodrigues (nominated by Miss Rodrigues) being second. There were seventeen entries for this event.

Three new items were introduced at the eleventh hour. In the Veteran's Race (100 yards) there was keen competition. Messrs. Mitchell, Tolan, Taylor, Wilton and Goldsmith took part. Mr. Wilton came in first and met with a rousing reception. Mr. Taylor was second.

The consolation race for girls went to Miss Shaw, and for men to E. Tatum. The programme closed with an exhibition of water-polo between the teams—White and Blue—captained by J. Stewart and A. V. Barros respectively. The Whites won by three goals.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION. The prizes, consisting chiefly of silver articles, were distributed in the billiard room.

The Officer Administering the Government, who is Chairman of the Club, said that, in view of the splendid attendance and the fine finish in the various events, the year's festival was one of the most successful in the Club's history. In former years they had the assistance of Mr. Wikehell, who had now gone to the Front. The Committee, however, had found a new man in Mr. A. Alves, who had done a tremendous amount of work, assisted by Messrs. Silva-Netto, Barros and Stewart. (Applause.) These gentlemen had the cooperation and advice of Mr. McKirdy, their new, able and energetic secretary. (Applause.) Last year was the first occasion on which they had included races for ladies, and that afternoon the principal event for ladies, the 100 yards championship, had been most successful. Miss Morris, the winner, had broken the record by ten seconds in winning the event by 1min., 45.3-seconds. (Applause.) He then asked Mrs. Gurner kindly to present the prizes.

Commodore Gurner returned thanks on behalf of his wife. He said the swimming that day had been splendid, the best he had seen for several years.

Mrs. Gurner then distributed the prizes, amidst applause, after which the secretary (Mr. McKirdy) handed her a pretty bouquet of flowers in a silver vase as a memento of the occasion. Cheers followed.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FULL RESULTS:—Two Lengths Handicap (Hurdles) Final:—1. A. J. V. Ribeiro; 2. J. Stewart. Time: 37.2-seconds.

Boys' Race, 100 Yards Championship:—1. G. A. Jack; 2. D. Lyon. Time: 58.2-seconds.

200 Yards Club Championship:—1. A. Logan; 2. A. V. Barros. Time: 2mins., 51.3-seconds.

High Dive:—1. A. Logan; 2. T. L. Knight.

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CANTON NEWS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

CANTON, October 4th.

PEACE PROPOSAL.

The Administrative Directors, in answer to the proposal of Mr. Little, of Shanghai, that a peace conference should be held in Shanghai, have replied that the Southerners are quite willing to negotiate peace terms with the North if the Premier has left. The Directors added that a certain number of selected troops would be sent to the Western front in Europe if peace is concluded in China. It is said that Mr. Little's peace proposal is approved by many Northern leaders who are tired of fighting.

AWAY REPORTS.

It is reported that the troops in Fochow have mutinied and the acting 'Chun' of Fukien has escaped. The chiefs of the Northern Squadron in Fukien have declared independence from the Peking Government and state they will co-operate with the Canton forces shortly. The battle, which has been suspended for some time, was resumed on this front yesterday. Fighting continues.

RAILWAY DIFFICULTIES.

The directors of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, who were asked why no interest was paid to the shareholders for the present term, have explained that the revenue received was very much reduced owing to the unrest. The railway was used by the authorities for transporting troops to the northern borders, and the traffic was interrupted for some time.

DISTRIBUTION OF SALT REVENUE.

The Superintendent of the Salt Revenue Bureau has reported that the salt-revenue received every month is about \$600,000. Of this, \$150,000 is paid to the Parliament and \$100,000 to the 1st Squadron. The balance will go to defray military expenditure.

THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT.

It is said that the proposal to elect a Provisional President of the Military Government has been approved, and that the Government will be vested with absolute powers.

THE CIVIL GOVERNORSHIP.

We are informed that General Luk Wing-ting has instructed the Civil Governor, Li Xue-hon, who was dismissed by the Military Government, to remain in office and to maintain order. Luk's instruction to Li has created surprise, as Luk is one of the Administrative Directors of the Military Government. The M.P.s. have decided to demand that the question of the Civil Governorship be discussed by Parliament.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS ISSUED BY MR. J. W. FRANKS, A.S.P. (RESERVE).

PARADES—CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M.

Monday, October 7th—No. 2 Co. under Company-Commander.
Tuesday, October 8th—No. 1 Co. under C. L. Lamont.
Wednesday, October 9th—No. 3 Co. under Company-Commander.

BACK.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Band will not play at Headquarters on Tuesday, the 8th inst. Hongkong, 5th October, 1918.

LADIES' RACE, 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Miss D. Morris; 2. Miss B. V. Jennings; 3. Miss L. Scott. Time: 1min., 48.2-seconds.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (Final).—1. J. Stewart; 2. S. A. Marcel. Time: 69.2-seconds.

LADIES' NOMINATION RACE.—1. S. A. Marcel; 2. J. Rodrigues.

VETERAN'S RACE.—1. Mr. Wilton; 2. Mr. Taylor. Time: 48-seconds.

CONSOLATION RACE (Girls).—1. Miss Shaw; 2. Miss Ramsay.

CONSOLATION RACE (Men).—1. R. Tatum; 2. J. R. Soares.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Novices).—1. C. M. S. Soares; 2. A. C. Rozario.

440 YARDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.—1. A. Logan; 2. A. V. Barros.

RUNNING HEADER FROM SPRINGBOARD.—1. A. Logan; 2. J. Stewart.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (Army and Navy).—1. Br. Moody, R.E.; 2. Sgt. White, R.E.; 3. Sgt. Strange, R.A.M.C.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Girls).—1. Miss Rosebud Young; 2. Miss Ruby Young.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Boys).—1. F. R. Pereira; 2. A. Castro.

LONG PLUNGE.—1. M. A. R. Souza; 2. A. V. Barros.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Army and Navy).—1. Sgt. White, R.E.; 2. L. Cpl. Smith, Manchester; 3. Br. Moody, R.E.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Ladies).—1. Miss B. V. Jennings; 2. Miss L. Hayes; 3. Miss B. Bliss.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Final).—1. A. J. V. Ribeiro; 2. E. Medina. Time: 37.2-seconds.

TWO LENGTHS TEAM RACE.—1. J. Stewart (Capt.); 2. S. A. Marcel; 3. R. Tatum; 4. P. A. V. Barros; 5. J. Rodrigues; 6. G. A. Carvalho.

The following were the teams in the water-polo match:—

Whites.—1. J. Stewart (Capt.), H. White, W. J. Moody, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. M. Cruz, H. Tatum and M. A. Carvalho.

Blues.—A. V. Barros, A. Logan, S. A. Marcel, G. A. Carvalho, J. R. Soares, L. M. Franco and A. Smith.

The officials were as follows:—President: His Excellency Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.; Chairman: Hon. Mr. Claude Severn, C.M.G.; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. McKirdy; Judges: Messrs. R. E. Bellios, A. Silva Netto, D. K. Blair, A. A. Alves, W. Logan, Lieut. Hall, Lieut. R. M. S. Thomas, and Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell; Referee: Mr. T. L. Meek; Starters: Messrs. A. A. Alves, and A. E. Alves; Timekeepers: Messrs. T. Meek, J. Lyon, W. Anderson, G. W. Avenall; Bath House Sub-Committee: Messrs. A. Silva Netto, A. V. Barros, A. S. Ellis, A. H. Carroll, A. A. Alves, T. Meek, and J. Stewart.

THE WAR.

GERMANS COMMENCE ABANDONMENT OF FLANDERS COAST:

BRITISH ENTER LENS AND ARMENTIERES: GERMAN FRONT IN CHAMPAGNE ENDANGERED.

ALLIED NAVAL RAID ON DURAZZO:

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND PEACE.

TSAR OF BULGARIA ABDICATES.

Franco-Belgian front.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH FRONT.

MINOR OPERATIONS NEAR ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, October 5th.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—
In successful minor operations on Friday north of Saint Quentin, we made substantial progress south-east of Beaulieu and north of Gony and Le Catelet, taking 800 prisoners.

We again slightly advanced our line at night north-west of Le Catelet.

GERMANS SET FIRE TO DOUAL.

LONDON, October 5th.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—
Minor operations continued successfully north of St. Quentin.

The Australians and English, accompanied by tanks, progressed in the neighbourhood of the villages Mont Brehain and Beaulieu, and on the spur north-west of Beaulieu.

As a result of our continued pressure, on the whole front the enemy is withdrawing from the high ground named La Terreniere Plateau, in the bend of the canal at De Lescout, between La Catelet and Crevecoeur.

We are now east of the Canal on the whole front between Le Catelet and Crevecoeur, where we are driving in the rear-guards who had taken possession of La Terreniere, and the section of the Hindenburg system in this neighbourhood.

ENEMY'S WITHDRAWAL IN LENS-ARMENTIERES SECTOR.

LONDON, October 4th.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—
Local fighting in which we made progress occurred in the neighbourhood of Beaulieu, north of Gony, and south of Cambrai.

The enemy's withdrawal continues in the Lens-Armentieres sector.

Our advanced troops reached Wavrin and Erquinghem.

THE AIRMEN'S PART IN THE BATTLE.

LONDON, October 4th.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—

There was intense air activity on all possible occasions on the battle-front of our counter-attack.

Our patrols successfully forestalled the enemy's intentions by warning our Headquarters.

Our advancing infantry were screened by smoke-curtains caused by smoke bombs dropped from the air, while the forward machine guns were supplied with ammunition dropped by our airmen.

Our fighting squadrons kept the air free from hostile machines, enabling this work to be successfully carried out.

We destroyed 27 hostile machines and drove down 5 out of control.

Twelve British machines are missing.

We dropped 26 tons of bombs during the day and 30 tons at night, causing considerable damage at junctions and communications.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—We dropped 21 tons of bombs during the day and 25 tons at night, attacking at night, the railway junctions in the rear of the enemy's battle-front and causing damage to the permanent-way and rolling stock.

We destroyed 14 aeroplanes and drove down 6 out of control. Eight British machines are missing.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY BRITISH DIVISIONS.

LONDON, October 4th.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—
In the operations by the Second British Army in Flanders on September 29th and subsequent days the Ninth, Twenty-Ninth and Thirty-Fifth Divisions rendered distinguished service.

In most favourable weather they advanced to a depth of over nine miles across very difficult country, clearing the whole ridge east and south-east of Ypres, and taking a prominent part in the capture, by British troops, of over 4,000 prisoners and 100 guns.

The Ninth Division, on the first day of the attack, took Beclere, five miles east of the starting point of the advance, and three days later reached Ledeghem.

On the first day the Twenty-Ninth Division passed beyond Gheluvelt and captured Krisecke, having advanced five miles along the Menin Road.

On its right, the Thirty-Fifth Division also passed far beyond our old positions of 1917 and took Zandvoorde.

STRATEGIC SITUATION ON THE BEAUREVOIR FRONT.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, states:—

The general strategic situation is very interesting.

The trend of the fighting on the Beaulieu Front has now swung nearly due north, and the battle will possibly have far-reaching results.

BEAUREVOIR SYSTEM IN BRITISH HANDS.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, states:—

With our line still creeping towards the east beyond Lens and Armentieres, and the whole of the Beaulieu system reported as being in our hands, it may be said that yesterday was a good day.

A distinguished officer fresh from the thick of the fighting said: "We have the Germans pressed and cooked."

The trend of the fighting has swung nearly due north, and the strategic effect of yesterday's battle will possibly have far-reaching results. Our patrols pushed out beyond the Beaulieu line along the whole length of the new front.

There has been much heavy counter-attacking on the Cambrai-St. Quentin Front.

During the night we were driven out but we recaptured the fortified positions of Beaulieu Mill and La Motte Farm.

Fighting is very severe around Sequehart. We are maintaining all our gains. Our tanks assisted by infantry are operating very effectively.

Down to last evening over 4,000 prisoners were counted in the Fourth Army "cages." Prisoners are still coming in.

BELGIAN ARMoured CAR ENTERS ROULERS.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, states:—

How fiercely the Belgians are now fighting is shown by the fact that a German battery in action was captured by the use of knives and revolvers alone.

The Belgians rushed the guns while they were being fired and killed the whole crew.

An armoured car entered Roulers and did great execution. Two of the occupants were killed and two wounded; only one was left to bring back the car.

GERMAN MAN-POWER WASTAGE.

According to prisoners, the German Fifty-Seventh and Fifty-Ninth Reserve Divisions and the Second and Eleventh Divisions have been withdrawn as they are no longer capable of fighting.

The moral of the Guards Division is reported as being so reduced that some of the men risk on the opening of attacks. Straggler pickets are posted in the rear to prevent this.

"A GRAND WEEK."

LONDON, October 5th.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, states:—

It has been a grand week, but the enemy is now fighting everywhere with great stubbornness.

Those optimists who already see the Germans back to the Meuse have not the faintest conception of the realities.

PROGRESS TOWARDS ROULERS.

LONDON, October 4th.

A Belgian communiqué states:—
The French and Belgians to-day made slight progress towards Hooglede and Roulers.

FLANDERS COAST TO BE ABANDONED.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter learns from authoritative naval sources that there is every indication that the Germans will soon abandon the whole of the Flanders Coast.

It is known that the Germans are already removing their guns from there.

There have been three heavy bombardments of the Flanders Coast in the past few days.

FLANDERS COAST BEING EVACUATED.

LONDON, October 5th.

Frontier correspondents confirm that the evacuation of the coast of Flanders is proceeding. The Germans are hurriedly removing material, guns, provisions, etc., from numerous villages. They are also removing huge stores and provisions from Ghent towards Germany.

Some reports state that the docks at Bruges are on fire.

GERMAN RETREAT SOUTH OF LILLE.

LONDON, October 5th.

A semi-official statement concerning the enemy's retreat south of Lille states that the enemy appears to contemplate following the line of the Ladeule Canal as far as Douai and the line of the Seneffe, as far as the Scheldt.

German Headquarters has been shown to recognize the necessity of securing protection against Tanks by establishing a line behind the water-ways.

The question is whether the Germans will be able to maintain the new positions.

BOOTS TAKEN IN BATTLE FOR FLANDERS RIDGE.

LONDON, October 5th.

A Belgian communiqué issued yesterday, states:—

The British, Belgian and French attack, on September 29th, conquered the whole of the Flanders ridge in 48 hours.

Local actions, since the armed freeing of the approaches to the Ridge, resulted in an advance of 14 kilometres on a front of 40, completely freed Ypres and permitted the occupation of the Lys River between Armentieres and Wervicq.

The prisoners counted number 10,500, including 200 officers. We also took 350 guns, 200 trench mortars, and 600 machine guns.

The British Navy and British airmen powerfully contributed to the victory.

THROUGH GERMAN EYES.

LONDON, October 4th.

A German official statement says:—
The enemy captured Le Catelet, advanced as far as Beaulieu and Mont Brehain and penetrated Sequehart.

We drove back the enemy on both sides of Le Catelet beyond his starting positions and recaptured Beaulieu and Mont Brehain.

Sequehart remains in the enemy's hands. Small French nests remain at Weissenburg and Medeah and on the heights near Sommepey.

We recaptured Challerange.

FRENCH FRONT.

ON THE CAMBRAI-ST. QUENTIN FRONT.

LONDON, October 5th.

A French communiqué states:—

North of St. Quentin fighting continued with undiminished violence. We have thrown back the enemy, who was defending himself foot by foot, from the height situated 1,200 metres south-east of Chardouy and the neighbouring woods.

North-west of Rheims, we are again exercising vigorous pressure along the whole front of the Aisne Canal, which we crossed in several places. We advanced as far as the outskirts of Berniercourt.

The number of prisoners counted in the past five days exceeds 2,500. We have taken 31 guns, including 20 heavy guns, of which five are 210 m.m. calibre.

SPLENDID MOVE IN CHAMPAGNE.

Lively attacks by the French and Americans in Champagne, and their advance yesterday in the direction of the Arne, forced the enemy, who threatened having his left turned, to evacuate precipitately, the eastern part of the mountain region.

Our troops in the western sector of the Suippe are on the heels of the enemy rear-guards and at night, had reached the heights 300 kilometres south-east of Moronvillers.

South of Monthois we smashed up a counter-attack against Croix-des-Soudans, retaining all our gains.

The Germans, who were heavily reinforced, are disputing the ground along the entire Orfueil-Monthois front with extreme obstinacy.

HARD BATTLE SOUTH OF SEQUEHART.

LONDON, October 5th.

A French communiqué states:—
North of St. Quentin we actively participated in a hard battle in the Hindenburg position, and captured Chardouy, south of Sequehart, and several fortified woods.

Further south, we gained a footing in Les Dines and captured Morcourt.

The enemy made furious repeated counter-attacks. All his efforts were shattered with heavy loss.

We captured 400 prisoners and four heavy guns.

IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE IN CHAMPAGNE.

The Franco-Americans in Champagne gained an important advantage and completed their yesterday's successes.

On the left we pushed over four kilometres north of Aubertin, and eight kilometres north-west of Sommepey to the river Arne where we captured the villages of Vaudesincourt, Dourin, Issouplet and the Grand-Bellou woods in spite of resistance.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR CHALLERANGE.

Further east we reached the outskirts of St. Etienne Aarnes and got a footing on the plateau of Orfueil, capturing Orfueil village.

We evacuated Challerange, which neither side held, being intensely shelled by both artilleries.

SPLENDID WORK IN THE AIR.

Favourable weather facilitated aviation on October 3rd.

Nineteen enemy aeroplanes were felled and three balloons were set on fire.

Our scouts pushed as far as the enemy lines.

Fifty-one tons of bombs and thousands of cartridges were fired during the day on enemy reserves massed with a view to a counter-attack in one sector.

The aeroplanes again fed our advanced troops with five tons of food and cartridges.

Twenty-nine tons of projectiles were dropped during the night on enemy bivouacs and cantonnements on a wide front.

ATTACK WEST OF THE MEUSE RESUMED.

LONDON, October 5th.

An American communiqué states:—
This morning we resumed our attack west of the Meuse and overcame stubborn resistance.

We advanced our line from 2 to 3 kilometres and carried Hill 240, north of Exermont and took the villages of Genes, Fleville, Chehery and La Forge.

Despite heavy artillery and machine-gun fire we forced the enemy back to the "Kienhilde" positions, south of Poise-de-Forêt.

GERMANS FALLING BACK ON THE RIVER ARNE.

LONDON, October 5th.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, states:—
The Germans are falling back in Eastern Champagne on the line of the Arne, which is a tributary of the Suippe.

The Americans reached this line at St. Etienne village, 41 miles north of Sommepey.

General Gouraud's troops have now broken through, in eight days, two systems of defences, the first of which was considered impregnable a year ago.

Meanwhile, it is noteworthy that the enemy has abandoned the theory of an unbreakable line, and now talks in official communiqués of "glacis" in France and Belgium, which is all he needs to hold for the defence of the Fatherland.

The word "glacis" has an ominous connotation in German. It has already served before as an excuse for pillage, and laying waste large tracts of populous country.

There is every reason to fear that this is what is now meant. However, it also means that the German-High Command is preparing the public for another retreat. That retreat, however, will bring the fighting line uncomfortably near the German homes.

GERMAN FRONT IN CHAMPAGNE OUTFLANKED.

LONDON, October 5th.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing at 10 p.m., on Friday, states:—

The advance of General Gouraud's left wing yesterday was very important. It occupies a line outflanking the Moronvillers Heights which is the main bastion of the German front in Champagne.

The enemy's second main line of resistance has been breached at Orfueil and his whole front between Rheims and the Suippe is endangered.

TREACHEROUS GERMANS EXTERMINATED.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters states:—
When the American troops were approaching Abri de St. Louis 100 Germans ran out holding their hands up in token of surrender. The Americans ceased fire and allowed the Germans to approach. When the Germans arrived within bombing range they plunged their hands into their pockets and looted the Americans, killing and wounding many.

More Americans with flame-throwers came up and surrounded Abri. They poured in gas and flame till not even a rat could have survived.

1,760,000 AMERICANS SENT ACROSS.

LONDON, October 5th.

Striking figures respecting the transport of American troops to Europe show that the total, up to September 30th, was 1,760,000, of which British ships carried approximately 1,000,000.

Seventy per cent. of the work of conveying was performed by the British navy.

During September 311,000 Americans, 5,000 Canadians and 4,000 American bluejackets were transported to Europe. Half these Americans were landed in France and the remainder in England.

The largest single convey from the United States which came in September numbered over 31,000.

The previous record was 29,000.

The figures emphasize the enormous contribution which America is making and the strength of the British navy, as well as the failure of the much vaunted U-boat threats to prevent the arrival of the American Army.

DETERMINED ENEMY RESISTANCE.

LONDON, October 5th.

Reuter's correspondent at American Headquarters states that yesterday's American advance which was well supported by gas, artillery, and aeroplanes met with a most determined resistance.

Our progress, after the first objectives were reached, was slow, owing to the great artillery and machine-gun fire.

GERMAN VANDALISM.

PARIS, October 5th.

M. Binguier, the Deputy for St. Quentin, who has visited that town, states that the Germans have destroyed, by fire and dynamite, the spinning-mills, lace factories and metal works.

The bombardments, continues, and a number of houses have been destroyed, and the furniture removed.

All public monuments, fountains, and statues have been defaced and the Cathedral destroyed by the explosion of a munition dump, but the Town Hall and theatre are scarcely damaged.

The German officer who was ordered to completely destroy the town was taken prisoner the moment he was about to do so.

Naval Activities.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ALLIED NAVAL ATTACK ON DURAZZO.

LONDON, October 4th.

An Austrian official report states:—
About thirty units of enemy naval forces and numerous airmen bombarded the town and harbour of Durazzo for two hours on October 2nd.

The material damage is not important. The enemy's attempt to penetrate the harbour with torpedo boats and gliding boats failed. One enemy gliding boat was sunk.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS COMMANDEERED BY GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, October 5th.

A telegram from Berlin announces that the battleship *Volga* and other units, completed in war time, are now under German control, and are protecting the Black Sea and the Straits. This step has been taken in agreement with the Moscow Government.

Italian Front.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

AUSTRIAN ATTACK NORTH OF MOUNT GRAPPA.

LONDON, October 5th.

An Italian official statement says:—
The British broke into the lines on the Asiago Plateau and destroyed the defensive works, taking 150 prisoners.

The enemy attacked north of Mount Grappa, on Mount Solarolo, at the head of the Stizzone Valley. He gained a foothold on our post at Maigavalpe, suffering heavy losses.

Air activity was intense. We have brought down four aeroplanes.

Aerial Activities.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MEIZ-SABLON BOMBED AGAIN.

EXPLOSION AT FRESCATY.

LONDON, October 4th.

The Press Bureau states:—
An independent force last night, bombed the railways at Metz Sablon and the aerodromes at Merchange and Frescaty.

Observation was difficult but a fire and explosion were observed at Frescaty. All our machines returned.

GERMANS BOMB HOSPITAL IN FRANCE.

PARIS, October 4th.

German aeroplanes twice bombed Chalon-sur-Marne on the night of October 1st. A score of bombs were dropped, several falling on a clearing hospital. Sixty sick men were killed and an equal number were injured.

"THIS DEBT SHE SHALL PAY."

PARIS, October 3th.

M. Clemenceau, in the course of a letter referring to the bombing of the Chalon-sur-Marne hospital, after mentioning some of Germany's various crimes, says that in the fury of defeat she is destroying our cities, homes, sacred monuments, art, industry, and even our trees. In fifty months she has contracted a crushing weight of debt. This debt she shall pay.

The Near East.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PALESTINE SITUATION UNCHANGED.

15,000 PRISONERS MORE.

LONDON, October 5th.

A Palestine official statement says:—
The general situation is unchanged. Our cavalry north and west of Damascus, clearing the country, have taken over 15,000 prisoners.

Since September 18th we captured 71,000 prisoners and 350 guns.

King Hussein's Arabs took an additional 8,000 prisoners.

Included in these figures are several Turkish commanders and 3,200 Austrians and Germans.

OUR DAY

Thursday, 24th October, 1918.

PROGRAMME!

MORNING

SALE OF ROSES—Lady May's Rose Fund.
12.30 p.m. AUCTION OF SPECIAL ROSES at Cricket Club Ground.

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THE WAR.

The following cables were received on Saturday night and issued in our Early morning Extra yesterday.

Franco-Belgian Front.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH FRONT.

FOUR THOUSAND PRISONERS MORE.

LONDON, October 4th.
12.55 p.m.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—
At the conclusion of yesterday's fighting we held the high ground a mile to the north-east of Sequehart, and had successfully beaten off counter-attacks at Gouy, Le Catelet and Sequehart.
We took over 4,000 prisoners during yesterday's operations north of St. Quentin.

At night local fighting to our advantage occurred south-west of Beaurvoir and in the southern outskirts of Cambrai.
PROGRESS NORTH OF THE SCARPE.

We slightly advanced our posts north-east of Epinoy and repulsed a hostile attack on a post south of Biache-St-Vaast. North of the Scarpe we made progress between Oppy and Mericourt.

More to the north our advanced troops reached the railway east of Lens and a general line as follows:—Vendin-le-Vieil—Wingles—Bercelau—Fournes-en-Weppes—Houplines.

BRITISH ATTACK ON AN EIGHT MILE FRONT.

LONDON, October 4th.
12.15 a.m.

Sir Douglas Haig states:—
At dawn the British infantry and Tanks attacked on an eight miles front from Sequehart to the Canal, north of Bony. The attack was successful at all points.

On the right of the attack the English and Scottish troops of the Thirty-Second Division retook Sequehart taking prisoners, and later beat off a counter-attack with enemy loss.

In the centre the English stormed Ramicourt and Wancourt, taking several hundreds of prisoners, while the Second Australian Division broke through the Fosseme—Beaurvoir line west and south-west of Beaurvoir.

Rushing forward, the troops of these two Divisions, accompanied by Tanks, reached the western outskirts of Mont Brehain and secured high ground south and south-west of Beaurvoir.

On the left of the attack the English and Irish forced passages across the Scheldt Canal at Gouy and Le Catelet, capturing both the villages and the high ground on the east.

BRITISH OCCUPY ARMENTIERES.

The enemy counter-attacked strongly in this locality in the afternoon and heavy fighting occurred.

We took a large number of prisoners in these successful operations.

On the remainder of the St. Quentin—Cambrai battle-front there were only patrol encounters in which we secured prisoners.

In the area of the enemy withdrawal, north of the Scarpe, we progressed steadily through the day, maintaining pressure on the German rearwards.

Lens has been cleared of the enemy and our advanced detachments have reached the general line Avion-Vendin-le-Vieil-Hantay-Wierles-Herlies. We are now east of Bois Grenier.

We have occupied Armentieres.

BRITISH TROOPS ENTER LENS.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—

One has almost lost the capacity of being surprised in these stirring times. Otherwise the report of our men going through Lens would stir up emotions.

On the Belgian Front some progress was made in the region of Roulers.

The weather is gloriously fine and our airmen are having a great time.

THE POSITION ON THE WEST REVIEWED.

LONDON, October 4th.

The Kaiser presided at a Grand Council in Berlin yesterday. That the deliberations dealt with the retreat from the West is evidenced from the inspired article in the German Press preparing the public for the evacuation of the Belgian Coast.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* says:—"Bulgarian treachery will have the most rapid consequences in the oriental world, and may alter the whole world situation in favour of the Entente. Therefore, as the mortal spot for the Central Powers is the south-east of Europe, they must concentrate there. A new German line from Antwerp through Metz to the Adriatic must be prepared."

Experts in London point out, however, that the question being fought on the Western Front is whether the enemy can retreat to another strategic front on a shorter line without supreme disaster.

LIKELY EVACUATION OF THE BELGIAN COAST.

His retreat between Lens and Armentieres is regarded as an indication of his desire to evacuate the Belgian Coast, but the Allies threaten both ends of the lateral railway from Lille to Metz, on which the supply for the German trenches chiefly depends.

The menace on Roulers endangers the German communications with the coast. The German right has the longest way to go in the event of a general retreat, hence the importance attached to both sides of the Cambrai—St. Quentin sector, where the Allies are hammering.

A breach has already been made in the "Siegfried" system, and the Germans are fighting very desperately.

Any substantial quickening of the Allied advance here might mean disaster to a large part of the German Army in the West.

THE KEY TO LILLE.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—
I hear that to-day's attack by the 4th Army is progressing well. It is reported that we have taken Sequehart, Ramicourt, Gouy and Le Catelet, as well as several thousand prisoners.

Whether we shall gain Aubersilles Ridge, which is the key to Lille, without severe fighting, remains to be seen.

GERMANS WITHDRAWING FROM MOST IMPORTANT PART.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, after mentioning tremendous counter-attacks north and south of Cambrai yesterday afternoon, asks how long the steadily thinning enemy forces can stand the terrific pace and losses.

They are heavily attacking on other fronts to stay the progress on Cambrai, which savours of giving hostages to disaster, but perhaps the strategically most important part of the British front is north of Lens, where the enemy is withdrawing.

ANOTHER FRANCO-BELGIAN ATTACK.

LONDON, October 4th.

A *communiqué* states:—
The Franco-Belgians yesterday attacked strong enemy positions.

The troops advanced on a line of two kilometres and reached the outskirts of Hoogheide and also the Hoogheide-Roulers Road.

A violent enemy counter-attack west of Roulers was smashed up before reaching our lines.

During October 2nd a Belgian armoured car daringly crossed the German lines and entered Roulers, despite heavy enemy fire from all sides. The car subsequently returned through the German positions and reached our lines.

A WONDERFUL BRITISH EXPLOIT.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, describing the wonderful exploit of the Forty-Sixth Midland Division on September 29th, which enabled us to enter the main Hindenburg system in its most formidable part, says:—

The front of attack was three thousand yards and embraced Le Hancourt, Bell Engise, Magny-le-Fosse and the strongly-fortified Talana Hill.

Our jumping-off line was two thousand yards from the St. Quentin Canal, the arrangements for the crossing of which were rehearsed the day before on the Somme.

On reaching the western bank, men with lifebelts swam across, while others swung life-lines across to enable the non-swimmers to cross. By ten o'clock the whole force was on the eastern bank.

A considerable concentration of guns in the ravine towards Le Hancourt was rushed, many teams bolting and others being bayoneted or shot.

A corporal of the Sappers performed a gallant feat by advancing alone to a road bridge which was mined, and cutting the wire leads.

A CAVERN AT BELL ENGLISE.

The first waves which swam across charged the enemy through Bell Engise and came to the mouth of a long tunnel sheltering a large body of the enemy waiting to counter-attack.

Grenades thrown into the entrance brought no result, so a strong party with Lewis gunners was despatched to hold the farther end.

We captured a howitzer drawn up to the mouth of the tunnel. A high-explosive shell was fired into the darkness of the cavern. A roar rose up and we heard screams of panic-stricken men, a dense mass of whom streamed from the farther end.

Over a thousand were taken prisoner from this Bell Engise cavern.

When the Forty-Sixth Division paused at the final objectives, they had taken 4,200 prisoners, forty guns and over a thousand machine-guns, while breaking deep into the "Siegfried" Line, all at the cost of less than one-fifth of the number of prisoners.

AIRMEN'S SHARE IN THE BATTLE.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reporting on aviation, Sir Douglas Haig says:—

We dropped forty-three tons of bombs on selected targets.

A concentrated attack was made on a rail junction at Aulney.

We blew up an ammunition train and set fire to rolling stock.

Photographs show that great damage and much disorganisation were effected in this centre of enemy communication.

LILLE AND VALENCIENNES BOMBED.

We heavily bombed Lille and Valenciennes stations and many targets in the battle area.

We destroyed fifteen hostile machines and drove down five out of control.

We also compelled another to land in our lines and downed nine balloons in flame.

Eight British machines are missing. One reported missing on the 2nd inst. has now returned.

Night flying was almost impossible, but before dawn a squadron dropped a ton of bombs. All our machines returned.

GERMAN MAN-POWER ON THE WEST.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter learns that the German Infantry Divisions on the Western Front are now reduced to 187, together with five Austro-Hungarian Divisions.

FRENCH FRONT.

NUMEROUS POSITIONS IMPROVED.

A French *communiqué* states:—

We advanced at night east of Les Dines in the region of St. Quentin.

North-west of Rheims minor operations enabled us to widen our bridge-heads east of the Canal, and improve our positions in the region of Betheny. We took 100 prisoners.

In the Champagne the French and American troops extended their gains north-west of Mont Blanc and Medeah Farm.

BIG SUCCESS IN CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, October 4th.

A French *communiqué* states:—
In the region of St. Quentin violent fighting occurred in the Hindenburg positions between Les Dines and Sequehart, where the enemy put up a very strong resistance.

Further south, we gained a footing on the railway east of St. Quentin.

North-west of Rheims we carried Cormicy and reached the canal between Concreux and Laneuville.

The battle in Champagne continues with sustained violence. We enlarged our gains in the region north of Somme.

Our troops, breaking down the resistance of the enemy, carried the crest of Mont Blanc and Medeah Farm. The prisoners already counted to-day number 2,800.

THE GALLANT FRENCH AIRMEN.

LONDON, October 4th.

A French aviation *communiqué* states:—
The unfavourable weather on October 2nd made observation of enemy movements very difficult.

Ten enemy aeroplanes were felled. Our bombing squadrons surprised, bombed and machine-gunned enemy concentrations in the rear.

"FILTERING" METHODS.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, stated:—
The Germans, as elsewhere, are putting up a great resistance against General Gouraud's advance in the Champagne, fighting every yard of the ground. They were only French.

There were no French assaulting waves after the first day. The French advanced in groups, commanded by a Lieutenant or a non-commissioned officer, thus "filtering" through ravines and capturing posts. When a score of such tiny operations are successful a local advance is undertaken and the sum of a number of such advances enables a general advance of the whole line.

LIKELY WITHDRAWAL IN THE ST. MIHIEL SECTOR.

LONDON, October 4th.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, stated:—
The two battle lines in the St. Mihiel sector have recoiled one from the other, leaving a wide outpost line between, but French shells threaten the enemy's communications between Grandpre and Vouziers, therefore a withdrawal is likely.

What is believed to be the "Kiezenhilde" line, running from the Meuse north of Brielles, towards the south, through Bois-de-Valoup, then towards the west, south of Romagne and north of Genesio, to the ridges north and west of Exmout and across the Aire to Chatelechem Bluff.

There is also an alternative line, apparently designed to meet the possibility of the other being turned by our advance in the Grandpre gorge. On our right the enemy is still bringing up reinforcements.

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BATTLE GOING IN FAVOUR OF THE ALLIES.

LONDON, October 3rd.

A Havas message says:—The great battle begun a week ago, with the French and Americans on either side of the Argonne Forest, is still raging with unabated fury between St. Quentin and Cambrai. The intensity of this battle has not been surpassed in this war.

The enemy made another withdrawal on a wide front north and south of La Bassée Canal.

It is not premature to hail the battle as a great victory.

The Germans are throwing wooden bridges over the Meuse.

The French armies are victorious at three points in one day:—General Dubene's forces passed through St. Quentin, across the Somme; General Berthelot's army made a big gain north and west of Rheims; General Gouraud advanced in the direction of Vouziers.

The Germans retreated from the Aisne region.

In view of the full retreat of the Germans on a wide front on the west of Lille, the evacuation and liberation of this town may be expected.

HOW CHALLENGE WAS CAPTURED.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, states:—

The capture of the railway junction at Challenge means that the enemy's second main line of resistance in Eastern Champagne has been breached. The enemy's original line of defences here consisted of a belt of old fortifications, one to five miles in depth.

The line of 1913 had become the outpost zone of the 1918 line. Behind, a far stronger main line of resistance was constructed.

GERMAN LINE PIERCED.

The first line fell in the morning. During the next two days the Germans were driven out of the main line, but retired to the second line positions, prepared seven miles in the rear of the first.

It is this line, running from Notre Dame-des-Champs on the west, in front of Orville, Monthais and Challerange, which is now pierced.

DESPERATE ENEMY RESISTANCE.

Some of the enemy's first line positions are of fantastic strength. The second main line, which the enemy is now holding, consists of a chain of concrete machine-gun shelters with an abundance of very deep wire entanglements.

The fighting has been of a very obstinate character. The enemy began with thirteen Divisions, then added twelve new Divisions, all of which were enjoined not to yield an inch of ground after the outpost line had been crossed.

A captured Order says:—"It must be driven into the flesh and blood of the men that they must hold their ground. The honour of the officers stands or falls with these positions. When the main line of resistance is at stake, there is no such thing as mobile defence."

POSITIONS IN CHAMPAGNE CAPTURED.

LONDON, October 4th.

An American communiqué states:—With the French we drove back the enemy and took Mont Blanc and other positions in Champagne.

Between the Moselle and Argonne Forest there was artillery and patrol activity.

We took numerous prisoners.

Naval Activities.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ALLIED NAVAL RAID ON DURAZZO.

ENEMY BASE TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Rome, October 4th.

In the Chamber, Signor Orlando announced that Italian warships and British cruisers appeared at Durazzo at noon on October 2nd, and, effectively protected by Italian and Allied torpedo boats and American submarine-chasers, succeeded in passing the mine-fields and eluding submarine attacks, and approached close to the harbour works.

The Allied warships then fiercely bombarded the harbour works until they had completed the destruction of the base as well as the Austrian ships moored there. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

SPLENDID RESULTS ATTAINED.

In spite of the enemy's fire the Allied ships audaciously dashed to the attack and fired torpedoes against an Austrian torpedo-boat and a steamer, but they did not molest a hospital-ship. (Applause.)

British and Italian airmen co-operated in the work of destruction, while other Italian and Allied naval forces took up battle stations against any enemy ships that might emerge to aid Durazzo. The Allied naval forces waited in vain.

The Allied units suffered no loss nor damage, except slight damage by a torpedo to a British cruiser which, however, continued to participate in the fight and afterwards returned to the base under her own steam. (Loud applause.)

AMERICANS DESTROY TWO SUBMARINES.

LONDON, October 4th.

An Italian naval communiqué states:—American submarine chasers, while protecting the larger vessels which bombarded Durazzo on October 2nd, destroyed two enemy submarines.

BRITISH TORPEDO GUNBOAT SUNK.

LONDON, October 3rd.

The Admiralty announces that a torpedo gunboat was sunk on September 30th through a collision with a merchantman. One officer and fifty-two men are missing.

The Balkans.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SURRENDER OF BULGARIA.

SERIOUS TURN OF AFFAIRS IN AUSTRIA.

AMSTERDAM, October 4th.

The *Wester Zeitung*, commenting on the Balkan events, states that the Ministers have become panic-stricken, and, fearing the collapse of their political edifice, are now advocating the conciliation of their political opponents.

Consequently, federalisation plans are again prominent. M. von Hussarek intends to form a Coalition Ministry and is prepared to carry out the necessary reforms.

The journal predicts that federalisation would force Austria-Hungary to leave the ranks of the belligerents and abandon the alliance with Germany, and so spell the ultimate dissolution of the Dual Monarchy.

COALITION MINISTRY IN HUNGARY.

AMSTERDAM, October 4th.

The *Mittags Zeitung* has received a telegram from Budapest which states that the formation of a Coalition Ministry in Hungary is on foot, bringing Count Tisza, Count Apponyi and Count Andrássy into the present Cabinet, without portfolios.

Count Tisza has already approved the plan. The Lower House meets on October 8th.

A GRAVE SITUATION.

LONDON, October 3rd.

A Havas message says:—"The situation is grave, but not critical," says the Austrian Premier.

"The armistice concluded with Bulgaria undisputedly created a grave situation in the Dual Monarchy."

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED.

AMSTERDAM, October 4th.

A telegram from Sofia says that it is semi-officially emphasised that all parties in Bulgaria unanimously support the Government.

THE ALBANIAN CAMPAIGN.

AUSTRIAN LEFT FLANK SAID TO BE RETIRING.

LONDON, October 3rd.

It is reported that the Austrian left flank is now retiring along the whole line in Albania.

ITALIANS APPROACHING BERAT.

LONDON, October 3rd.

An Italian official message states:—"In Albania, we began on October 1st, an energetic advance between the sea and the Osun, and occupied the Fieri line of Semeri, from St. Erbas to Metal Bridge and also the heights between Janica and Buvalica, and Zitoni, to the left of the Osun."

We are approaching Berat. The retreating enemy is setting fire to his depots.

We captured some prisoners and much material.

AUSTRIANS WITHDRAW FROM ALBANIA.

LONDON, October 4th.

An Austrian official message states:—"We have withdrawn our divisions from Albania owing to the events on the Bulgarian Front."

Thus Berat fell into the enemy's hands uncontested.

ITALIAN RIGHT WING ADVANCING.

LONDON, October 4th.

An Italian semi-official message says:—"The Italian right wing is continuing to advance astride the Osun and has occupied and passed beyond Berat."

We continue the pursuit.

A FRONT ON THE DANUBE?

GERMANS SHORT OF TROOPS.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Military experts are of the opinion that with a view to keeping Turkey in the war, the Central Powers will be obliged to establish a new front on the Danube, and to reinforce Turkey.

The question is where troops will be got for this purpose. There are thirty-three second-rate German, and thirteen second-rate Austrian Divisions in Russia, with which it will be possible to create a Danube Front, while troops could be transferred in forty-eight hours from Odessa and Constantinople, but the raising of these forces will mean the evacuation of Russia and the giving up of the whole of the results of the Brestlitovsk Treaty.

Italian Front.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIGHTING NEAR ASIAGO.

A SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAID.

LONDON, October 3rd.

A British Italian official statement says:—"The Warwickshires successfully raided trenches facing Asiago, taking 142 prisoners. Our casualties were 12."

The Near East.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PALESTINE ADVANCE UNCHECKED.

SEVEN THOUSAND PRISONERS AT DAMASCUS.

LONDON, October 3rd.

A Havas message says:—"Damascus was won. Our troops were withdrawn after 7,000 prisoners had been taken."

Africa.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMANS IN PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.

CHASING OUT THE REMNANTS.

LONDON, October 4th.

A Portuguese East African communiqué states:—"The Germans, pursued by our forces co-operating with the British, have been forced to cross the river Rovuma abandoning great material."

Many prisoners have been taken. The enemy is retiring into forests in the interior.

General.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OBITUARY.

SIR HENRY BERKELEY.

LONDON, October 4th.

The death has occurred of Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley.

[Sir Henry Berkeley was Attorney-General of Hongkong from 1903 to 1906. Previous to his appointment in Hongkong he was first Attorney-General and then Chief Justice of Fiji. He administered the Government of Fiji and acted as High Commissioner for the Western Pacific on several occasions, while holding the office of Chief Justice. Sir Henry Berkeley succeeded Mr. W. M. Goodman in the post of Attorney-General of Hongkong. He was in turn succeeded, in 1909, by Mr. (now Sir) William Rees Davies, K.C., the present Chief Justice, who held the post of Attorney-General from 1906 to 1912. Sir Henry Berkeley was 57 years old and was married to Katharine, a daughter of Mr. F. S. Cassin of Antigua.]

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN BUKHAREST.

PARIS, October 4th.

A telegram from Vienna states that martial law has been proclaimed in Bukharest.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES THIRSTY FOR REPRISALS.

PARIS, October 4th.

The Parliamentary group of representatives of the invaded districts has passed a resolution that the Government should approach the Governments of the *Entente* with a view to intimating to Germany that reprisals will be exacted for all crimes and destruction in Allied countries.

FAMOUS FRENCH GENERALS HONOURED.

PARIS, October 4th.

The Military Medal has been awarded to General Guillaumat and General Franchet Desperay.

General Monnier has been appointed Military Governor of Paris in succession to General Guillaumat, who has been assigned other duties.

ANARCHISTIC IMMIGRANTS EXCLUDED FROM AMERICA.

LONDON, October 4th.

The House of Representatives passed a Bill authorising the exclusion of anarchistic immigrants. The Bill now goes to President Wilson for signature.

ALLIED MARITIME COUNCIL.

LONDON, October 4th.

The Press Bureau states:—"The Allied Maritime Transport Council has reached important agreements on the policy governing the allocation of tonnage during the ensuing year for the American Army, and for inter-Allied food, munitions and other commodities."

GERMANY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

MORE LIKELY CABINET APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, October 3rd.

The report that Prince Max has been appointed Chancellor is generally accepted as correct. He has distinguished himself during the war by several Liberal speeches.

Other appointments mentioned are:—Herr Erzberger, Director of Propaganda; Herr Haas, of the Liberal *Berliner Tageblatt*, as Chief of the Press Department; the Socialist, Herr Legien, as Labour Minister.

THE NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY.

It is significant that Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, Ambassador at Copenhagen, whom the *Local Anzeiger* once called a Defeatist, is mentioned as Foreign Secretary.

It is pointed out that while these changes are made with the object of creating an appearance of democratisation, it is well-known that the powerlessness of the Reichstag remains.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE IN PRUSSIA.

It transpires that the Suffrage Committee of the Prussian Upper House, in adopting the suffrage proposal, added on the 2nd inst., added a proviso that every man over forty should have two votes. The *Vorwaerts* protests that this nullifies equal suffrage.

PRINCE MAX'S APPOINTMENT CRITICISED.

LONDON, October 3rd.

There is some criticism in Germany at Prince Max's appointment. It is pointed out that the fact that he is a future Ruler is inconsistent with the Democratic idea, and if he fails it will be a big blow to the Reigning Houses of Germany.

According to the *Vorwaerts*, Herr Scheidemann will be Secretary of State without a portfolio, whilst the Socialists will also get several Parliamentary Under-Secretaryships. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Herr Scheidemann and a Deputy from the Centre Party will form the Inner Committee of the Government.

THE APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

LONDON, October 4th.

A Berlin official statement confirms the fact that Prince Max of Baden has been appointed Chancellor.

Herr Scheidemann and Herr Groeber become Ministers without portfolios. Herr Groeber is of the Centre Party.

TURKEY AND PEACE.

DEFINITE INFORMATION BEING AWAITED.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter learns from well-informed quarters that, notwithstanding various reports, there is still nothing definite regarding Turkey's desire for peace.

It is felt that no official overtures will be forthcoming until Turkey knows definitely what military action the Central Powers will or will not be able to take.

EXCITEMENT AMONG THE YOUNG TURKS.

LONDON, October 3rd.

A Havas message says:—"The British victories in Palestine and Syria caused great excitement in Constantinople among the young Turks who are not yet strong enough to face the Dictatorship of Enver Bey outside Ottoman territory and agitate to bring about peace."

There is a general exodus of Germans and Austrians.

TURKISH MINISTER RESIGNS.

AMSTERDAM, October 4th.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Turkish Minister of the Interior has resigned.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN AMERICA.

LONDON, October 3rd.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that the Senate, by 53 to 31 votes, agreed to women's suffrage, mentioned on September 30th, but as the necessary two-thirds majority was not secured, the proposal drops.

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL DROPPED.

LONDON, October 3rd.

The Press Bureau states that the War Cabinet has appointed the Rt. Hon. Sir G. Cave to be Chairman of the Inter-Departmental Prisoners of War Committee, which will be responsible for all questions affecting prisoners of war in enemy countries.

RACING AT HOME.

LONDON, October 3rd.

At Newmarket the Jockey Club Stakes resulted as follows:—

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THE WAGER.



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Optimist: I'll bet.

The Cautious One: Don't worry old man, I never bet.

Optimist: Look here, I'll bet you a War Bond ticket; half of that is a contribution to War Charities.

The Cautious One: Well, as its for such a good purpose I don't mind breaking a principle, but we ought to put up the money between us for the ticket now for the War Bond Drawing will be over by the end of the year, the loser to pay the winner \$2.50 when the time comes.

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WEATHER REPORT.

October 6th, at 12.04.—No returns from
Japan, Vladivostok and the Philippines.
Pressure has decreased moderately at Weihai-
wei, increased considerably over Formosa,
and increased slightly elsewhere. The anti-
cyclone remains over N. China; the typhoon is
probably approaching S. Japan on a N.E.
track.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.00 inch. Total
since January 1st, 86.34 inches, against an
average of 77.34 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Hongkong to Gap Rock	N. & N.E. winds fresh; fine.
Formosa Channel	(The same as No. 1.)
South Coast of China between (The same as Hongkong and Lamcocks)	No. 1.
South Coast of China between (The same as Hongkong and Hainan)	No. 1.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From 7th to 13th October, 1918.

HIGH WATER.					LOW WATER.				
Days of Week or Month	Days of Month	H'kong Mean Time.		Height	H'kong Mean Time.		Height		
		h	m.		h	m.			
Mon.	7	11	58	5	8	4	27	2	2
		10	45	5	1	5	3	3	2
Tues.	8	10	48	5	0	5	6	3	2
		11	15	5	0	5	4	3	2
Wed.	9	3	30	4	3	4	40	3	2
		9	40	4	6	6	30	3	3
Thurs.	10	9	18	4	3	4	11	4	3
		10	14	4	3	7	25	4	3
Fri.	11	9	37	4	3	5	54	4	3
		No inferior.	high			low			
Satur.	12	No inferior.	high			low			
		11	13	7	0	10	5	3	6
Sun.	13	No inferior.	high			low			

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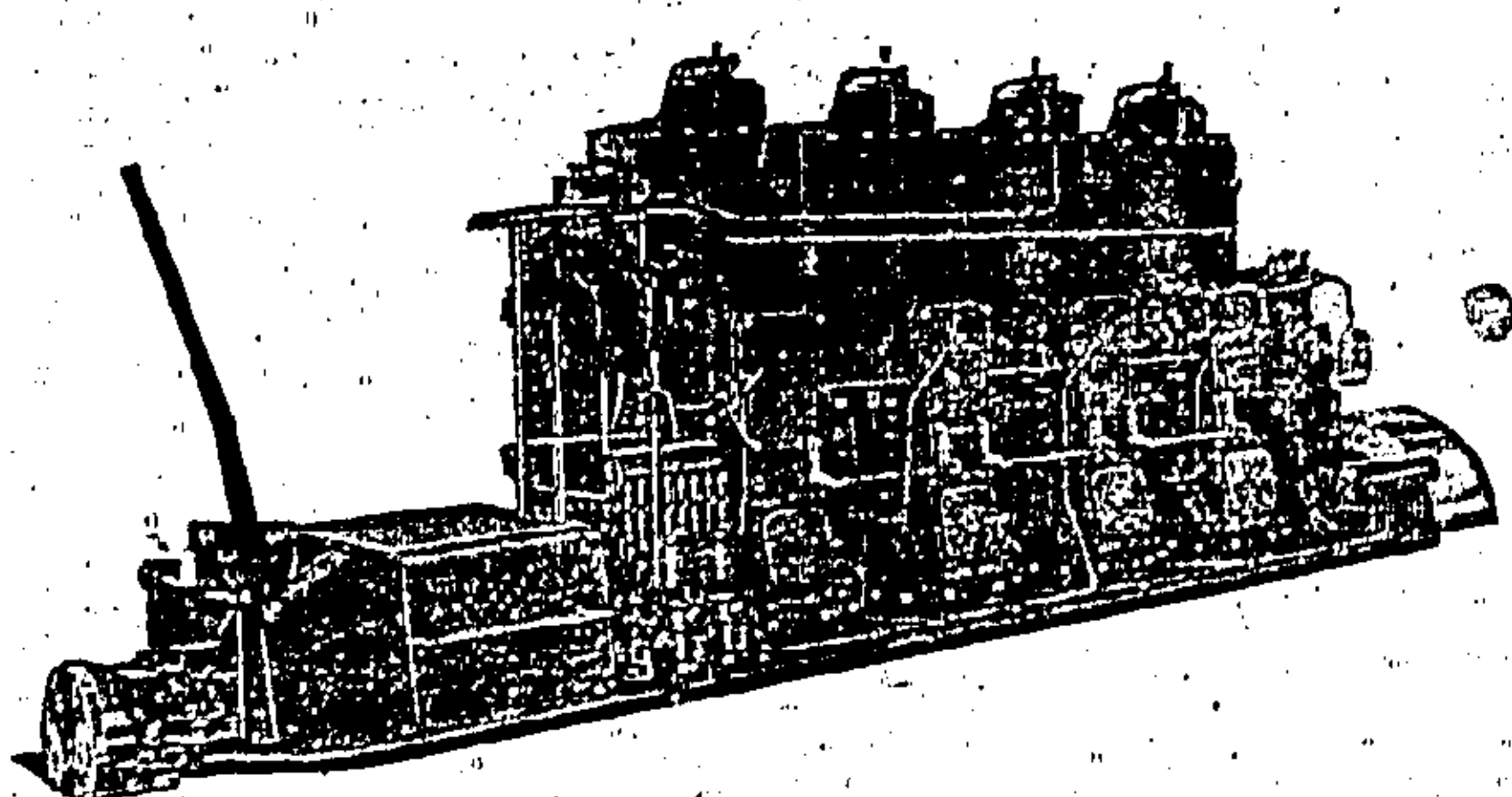
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THE WAR.

(Continued from Page 5.)

General.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

A "CLUMSY PEACE OFFENSIVE"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY'S DESIRE FOR PEACE

AMSTERDAM, October 6th. A message from Vienna to the *Berliner Tagblatt* states it is authentically reported that Austria-Hungary has requested Holland to invite the belligerents to negotiations, and Holland has already despatched invitations.

WE ARE ALREADY NEGOTIATING.

AMSTERDAM, October 6th. The *Cologne Gazette* states that Dr. Wekerle, Count Tizsa, Count Andrássy and Count Apponyi met at Vienna to discuss the peace question, in connection with which, on Baron Burián's initiative, a new and decisive step may be taken to-day.

Subsequently interviewed, Dr. Wekerle stated: "We are again labouring in the interests of peace. We are already negotiating."

HOLLAND'S EMPHATIC DENIAL.

THE HAGUE, October 6th. The Foreign Office states that there is not a word of truth in the Vienna reports that Holland has invited the belligerents to negotiate.

BARON BURIAN'S PEACE NOTE.

AMSTERDAM, October 6th. The *Berliner Tagblatt* has received a telegram from Vienna which states that the British reply to Baron Burián's peace note was received in Vienna on September 30th. It requests Austria to specify her peace proposals more precisely.

BRITAIN'S ONLY REPLY TO THE NOTE.

LONDON, October 6th. Referring to the assertions of the Vienna correspondents of the *Berliner Tagblatt* and the *Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten* that the British reply to Baron Burián's peace note was received in Vienna on September 30th, the *Daily Telegraph* says that the assertions are untrue.

It says: "We are in a position to state that Mr. Balfour's speech on September 1st is the only reply which Britain has given to the Austrian note."

NO CONFIRMATION OF HOLLAND'S INVITATION.

The *Daily Telegraph* describes the assertions as excellent examples of the clumsy peace offensive now in full blast and adds that enquiries in diplomatic circles yesterday failed to elicit any confirmation whatever of the assertion by the *Berliner Tagblatt's* correspondent at Vienna that Holland, at the instance of Austria-Hungary, has despatched invitations for a Peace Conference.

A GERMAN EFFORT.

TRYING TO HOODWINK THE ENTENTE.

WASHINGTON, October 6th. The composition of the new German Cabinet is generally interpreted here as a desperate effort by the Prussian militarists to hoodwink the Entente and the German people into the belief of the demoralization of Germany.

It is predicted that Germany is about to make a new peace proposal disguised under a most attractive democratic program.

It is pointed out, however, that as the Government is not responsible to the Reichstag and Herr Scheidemann and Herr Groeber are without power, and without portfolios, the junkers are still in actual control.

DR. SOLF APPOINTED FOREIGN SECRETARY.

COPENHAGEN, October 6th. An official statement from Berlin states: "Dr. Solf has been appointed Foreign Secretary. He continues to act as Minister for the Colonies" during war time.

AUSTRIAN UNEASINESS.

GREAT UNREST IN VIENNA.

LONDON, October 6th. The Vienna authorities have been compelled to issue a reassuring statement regarding the Balkans. It says that the Central Powers have been able to make up the Bulgarian losses, and that traffic on the Budapest-Sofia-Constantinople line continues.

Reuter learns that great unrest prevails in Vienna.

TURKEY AND GERMANY.

RELATIONS MORE STRAINED.

LONDON, October 6th. Reuter is reliably informed that the relations between Turkey and Germany are more strained. The Turks are increasingly uneasy regarding the agreements supplementing the Brest Litovsk treaty, and are greatly incensed at the Germans checking Turkish activities in the Caucasus.

As regards the possibility of peace, Turkey does not wish to be replaced in her previous position in relation to the great powers, and is particularly anxious to have adequate guarantees against attack by Bulgaria.

DISASTER AT SEA.

LONDON, October 6th. A British steamer collided on October 2nd with the steamer *Burina*, which sank immediately. There were 41 survivors, including a lady, landed.

TSAR FERDINAND ABDICATES PRINCE BORIS ASSUMES POWER.

BALE, October 6th.

A telegram from Vienna, dated October 4th, reported that Tsar Ferdinand of Bulgaria abdicated yesterday in favour of Prince Boris, of Tirmovo, the heir-apparent, who has assumed power.

AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.

COPENHAGEN, October 6th.

An official telegram from Vienna confirms the abdication of Tsar Ferdinand and the accession of Prince Boris.

A NEWSPAPER DEAL.

LONDON, October 6th.

Sir Henry Dalziel has purchased the United Newspapers, Limited, including the *Daily Chronicle*.

TO SUPPORT MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, October 6th.

The *Saturday Review*, writing prior to the announcement of Sir Henry Dalziel's purchase of the United Newspapers, Ltd., said that the *Daily Chronicle* was sold to a syndicate formed to support Mr. Lloyd George. The price is nearly a million.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO MARSHAL FOCH.

LONDON, October 6th.

Mr. Lloyd George, in sending birthday congratulations to Marshal Foch, said: "I do not know which to admire most, your wonderful genius in leadership or the undaunted courage and unshakable faith in victory you have displayed during the whole war."

Marshal Foch replied: "I do not forget that it is to your persistent confidence I owe my present position. This trust and your nation's trust are a powerful support to me."

EGYPTIAN SPINNING TRADE.

LONDON, October 6th.

The *Times* states that a new combination in the Egyptian spinning trade, involving over a million spindles, is foreshadowed. Apparently a big London financial syndicate is in the concern.

It is understood that hitherto a definite agreement for the purchase of the whole controlling interest has been reached only in connection with four Lancashire firms, comprising 667,000 spindles.

FRENCH REPRISALS DECIDED UPON.

PARIS, October 6th.

An official statement has been issued in reference to the enemy's carrying out of his threat to utterly devastate occupied territory if forced to leave it. The French Government's statement recapitulates the crimes of which the Germans have been guilty, and solemnly warns the German Government and people that it will hold them responsible morally, judicially and financially. The statement adds that France is now communicating with the Allies on the subject.

The French Government further warns Austria that if Austria carries out her threat put to death airmen dropping leaflets or even carrying them, the same penalties will be applied to double the number of Austrian officers.

AMERICAN REPRISALS.

WASHINGTON, October 4th.

Mr. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, officially announces that America will make reprisals if Germany carries out her threat to execute American prisoners found in possession of shot guns.

ANOTHER SPANISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

MADRID, October 4th.

It is officially stated that the Spanish Government steamer *Francoli* was torpedoed 14 miles off Cape Falos.

LATER. The crew of the *Francoli* state that a submarine sank the *Francoli* by shell-fire, without warning.

A NEW M.P.

LONDON, October 6th.

Sir N. J. Moore has been returned unopposed for St. George's, Hanover Square.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

TSARITZA AND HER DAUGHTERS SAFE.

AMSTERDAM, October 6th.

The *Reichs-Rundschau's* correspondent at Moscow states that the Tsaritsa and her daughters, who, after the execution of the Tsar, were to be taken from Ekaterinburg to a safe place by an armed escort, vanished during the journey.

Presumably the escort was bribed and the Imperial family are hiding somewhere in the Urals. Search is being made.

GERMAN COAL FOR HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, October 6th.

It is officially announced that the prices of coal, of which Germany has agreed to supply Holland with 150,000 tons monthly, for five months, making an average price of 30 guilders per ton. Holland also gives Germany credit of 30 guilders for every ton supplied.

GERMAN MINISTRY OF PROPAGANDA.

AMSTERDAM, October 4th.

The *Mittag Zeitung* announces that the inauguration of the German Ministry of Propaganda is apparently the sequel to the wide-spread complaints in Germany against the efficiency of British propaganda.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, October 6th.

The silver market is steady with a fair trade demand.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

NAVY TROUCE THE C.R.C.

SPLENDID INNINGS BY COMMANDER GIBSON.

The Navy Cricket team opened its season on Saturday in the most auspicious manner by inflicting a severe trouncing on the Chinese Recreation Club by 9 wickets and 19 runs. The Chinese team was not at full strength, Ng Sze Kwong being a notable absentee.

The sailors went in first, and the opening pair, Paymaster Robinson and Signaller Hack, began in a manner which showed that the eleven was out for a good day. Robinson, however, had his wickets disturbed by an Hew Fan when he had scored 12 runs. The advent of Commander Gibson saw the bowling collapsed in the most business-like manner, and once Gibson got his eye in, the two batsmen, each in his own style, proceeded to knock the stuffing out of the Chinese bowling. After being afforded a life in the very first over, Hack restrained his ardour to score too fast. He played very steady cricket, making some fine drives to the off, and never sparing a loose ball. He showed very good defence, his task being made easier, of course, by the enterprising methods which Commander Gibson adopted. Cautious at the start, Gibson was not ten minutes at the wicket before he commenced hitting out. He did not give the semblance of a chance, however, during his long stay at the wicket. He lifted the ball clean out of the ground three times, while included in his innings were 15 other boundary shots. A feature of his really splendid innings was his excellent judgment. He looked good for many more runs when he decided to declare the Navy innings closed. The partnership between Hack and Gibson was productive of 173 runs. The Navy promises to be a formidable side this season. After their strenuous time in the field, it was scarcely to be expected that the Chinese would fare very well at the wicket. Once again Cheng Chi, who carried his bat through the innings in the match against the R.E. a fortnight ago, was a tower of strength to his side. Going in first with Yew Man Tsun, he stayed till the seventh wicket and scored 41 runs by stylish cricket. None of the other men could stand up to the bowling of Godfrey and Gibson. Cheng Chi, who played good public school cricket in England, shaped extremely well at the start, but became impatient when he saw the rest of his side being so easily dismissed. Had he not tried to hit out wildly at Godfrey he might have carried out his bat again. The C.R.C. innings realised 58 runs. Godfrey took 6 wickets at a fraction over 4 runs apiece.

The scores and bowling analyses were as follows:—

THE NAVY.

P. M. Robinson, b Un Hew Fan 12

Sig. Hack, not out 32

Commr. Gibson, not out 118

P. M. Holborn

Pte. Breslin

Pte. Ackhurst

L. S. Godfrey

Pte. Steacy

L. Sig. Ryder

Pte. Moriarty

Pte. Enales

Extras 11

Total for 1 wicket (declared) 187

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Yew Man Tsun 4 0 29 0

Un Hew Fan 10 0 55 1

Cheng Chie 5 0 49 0

Harry Ching 4 0 27 0

Wei Lee Sun 2 0 18 0

C.R.C.

Yew Man Tsun, b Gibson 2

Cheng Chi, b Godfrey 41

Ying Hin Lin, b Breslin, b Gibson 0

Geo. Lee, b Gibson, b Godfrey 3

Harry Ching, b Godfrey 6

Un Hew Fan, b Hack, b Godfrey 0

Wei Lee Sun, b Godfrey 10

Cheng Wing Que, b Hack 0

Wong Kwok Kwong, b Holborn, b Godfrey 0

Liu Yuk Man, b Hack 2

J. R. Chan, not out 0

Extras 4

Total 68

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Godfrey 11 2 26 6

Gibson 6 0 24 2

Hack 4 0 14 2

KOWLOON C.C. DEFEAT 83RD CO. R.G.A.

The Kowloon C.C. opened their cricket season on Saturday by scoring a win by 58 runs at the expense of the 83rd Co. R.G.A. in a low-scoring match.

Going in first, the military team, found themselves up against Pestonji and Taylor in their best form, and were unable to score more than 37 runs. The K.C.C. did much better, thanks to Robinson and Hodge, the captain and vice-captain, respectively. Athorne bowled extremely well for the soldiers. The scores and bowling analyses were as follows:—

83RD CO. R.G.A.

O. M. R. W.

Gr. Sharp, b Taylor 12

Gr. Glad, b Pestonji 0

Gr. Perkins, b Taylor 5

Corpl. Mann, b Pestonji 1

Sergt. Graham, b Hyde, b Pestonji 2

Sergt. Churchward, b Pestonji 0

Sergt. Athorne, b Taylor 1

Sergt. Fisher, run out 1

Gr. Gregory, b Pestonji 1

Sergt. Knight, b Taylor 2

Sergt. Lacey, not out 1

Extras 5

Total 37

Bowling analysis.

O. M. R. W.

R. Pestonji 8 1 18 5

H. H. Taylor 7.5 0 14 4

(Continued at foot of next column.)

SHELL TRANSPORT CO.

THE SUPPLY OF OIL FROM THE FAR EAST.

There would appear to be three outstanding features of the meeting of the shareholders of the Shell Transport Co. (says the *London and China Express*). The first is the remarkable prosperity of the company, which enables it to declare good dividends and a handsome bonus in the form of fully-paid shares out of its reserves; secondly, the Chairman, Sir Marcus Samuel, was able to state, with a pardonable pride and pleasure, that the total of the War Loan and other Government securities held by the Shell group was about 90 millions sterling; and finally, that the Government had made an exceedingly good purchase when it commandeered the shares of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company from holders in this country. He advised the British Government to hold those shares, whatever the intention was when they were purchased. It had "become a part of this group, and has a larger financial stake in the Royal Dutch Company than in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company." "We may also note that the Far East will continue one of the great sources of supply of oil in the world. This is foreshadowed by the result of the deep boring on the island of Tarakan on the East Coast of Borneo."

Defendant said he visited the house to see a friend whose name he had forgotten. A house boy stated that he noticed defendant loitering about the premises in the early hours of the morning. Witness questioned him, and he replied that he had come to see a friend. Defendant, however, could not give the name of his friend, so witness arrested him and handed him over to the Police.

Inspector Macdonald stated that Sir Charles Eliot was temporarily absent and the house was occupied by Mr. W. P. C. Trafford, who was not at home at the time. The Police had nothing against defendant, who informed them that he usually slept in the streets at Yau-mat. About a year ago he met a man who said he was employed at the University and asked defendant to visit him.

Mr. Wood sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

AN UNINVITED GUEST.

A Chinese was charged with being in Sir Charles Eliot's house at the University for an unlawful purpose.

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TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram has been received by the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—

10.45 a.m., October 6th.
Typhoon in about 123deg. Long. E. and 22deg. Lat. N., moving N.

"OUR DAY" GYMKHANAS.

The following is the "Our Day" Gymkhana:—

Thursday, October 24th.

(1) Five Furlongs Handicap for ponies that have run and not won at Gymkhana this year.

(2) "Our Day Derby," Half mile for subs., weight for inches. Jockeys to be drawn for.

(3) Gymkhana Stakes, one mile.

(4) Judgment of pace competition.

(5) "B" Class Handicap, all ponies, 1 mile.

(6) "Our Day Leger," 1 mile for subs., weight for inches. Jockeys to be drawn for.

(7) "A" Class Handicap, all ponies, 1 mile.

Saturday, October 26th.

(1) "Our Day Cambridgehire," Five furlongs handicap for subs., Jockeys were not drawn for in this race.

(2) "A" Class Handicap, all ponies, once round.

(3) "B" Class Handicap, all ponies, once round.

(4) Wrestling on mules.

(5) Distance handicap, half-mile.

(6) Half mile race for subs. to be ridden by mules who are to be drawn for. No whips or spurs allowed.

(7) 1½ mile handicap, all ponies.

Entries for the competition close on October 31st with the Hon. Secretary of the L.R.C.

TENNIS.

LADIES' SINGLES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The opinion is expressed in tennis circles that the Ladies' tennis singles open championship competition will be at least as interesting this season as it was last, when the following four Clubs were represented:—United Services R.C., Taikoo, Chinese R.C., and the Ladies' Recreation Club. The holder of the cup is Miss Wilkinson, of the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Entries for the competition close on October 31st with the Hon. Secretary of the L.R.C.

KOWLOON C.C.

L. J. Blackburn, c Sharp, b Athorne 3

F. Wheeler, b Athorne 10

A. de Sousa, c Knight, b Athorne 7

L. E. S. Hodge, c Fisher, b Graham 16

J. H. Mead, b Graham 2

J. P. Robinson, b Athorne 25

H. H. Taylor, c Gregory, b Athorne 16

W. Hyde, c Graham, b Athorne 0

R. Pestonji, c Fisher, b Athorne 2

E. J. Edwards, b Athorne 0

H. Overy, not out 0

Extras 13

Total 85

Bowling analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Sergt. Graham 13 0 33 3

Sergt. Athorne 14.2 2 38 7

Gr. Sharp 2 0 11 0

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